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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (WEIZMAN, EZER,) IS, US
SUBJECT: WEIZMAN VISIT TO WASHINGTON -MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: TEL AVIV 2938

1. I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT MEET
WITH DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN THURSDAY (#)
THIS WEEK AFTER HE COMPLETES HIS MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY
BROWN AND SECRETARY VANCE.

2. DESPITE EFFUSIVE BUILD UP HERE IN LAST 48 HOURS OF
PRESS STORIES TO EFFECT THAT A WEIZMAN/CARTER MEETING
IS IMPENDING, WEIZMAN UNDERSTANDS THAT NONE HAS AS YET
BEEN SCHEDULED. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING A GOOD
DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY VANCE ON THE DIPLOMATIC
SIUTATION, BUT HOPES ALSO TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
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GIVE PRESIDENT CARTER DIRECTLY HIS ASSESSMENT OF WHAT
MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DO TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS MOVING
FORWARD. BEGIN IS UNDOUBTEDLY ASSUMING FROM THE PRESS
THAT WEIZMAN WILL SEE THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO BEGIN'S
ARRIVAL. HE HAS SHOWN NO SIGNS OF CONCERN ABOUT THAT
PROSPECT.

3. IN REFTEL I HAVE DESCRIBED THE PERSPECTIVE WEIZMAN BRINGS TO HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND THE US INTERESTS INVOLVED IN HELPING TO MAKE WEIZMAN'S VISIT A REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL ONE, ESPECIALLY FROM A PSYCHOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW. SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SEE THAT MESSAGE BEFORE ANY MEETING WITH WEIZMAN. ALTHOUGH I AM CERTAIN THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK IS VERY DIFFICULT, A HALF AN HOUR OR SO WITH WEIZMAN COULD WELL BE OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE IN OUR PEACE EFFORTS OVER THE MONTHS AHEAD. I STRONGLY URGE THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE ARRANGED FOR HIM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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